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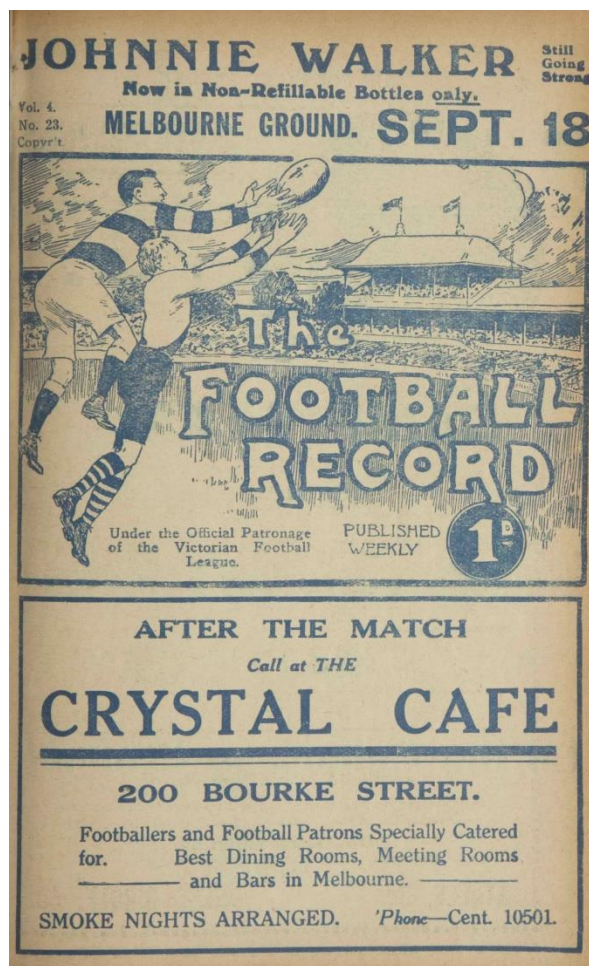
AFL 2023 ROUND 20 COLLINGWOOD V CARLTON

LIBRARY FACT SHEET JULY 28, 2023

THE 1915 GRAND FINAL

In 1915 Carlton and Collingwood met in a VFL grand final for the second time. In their first grand final meeting in 1910, Collingwood had run out winners by 14 points. At the end of the 1915 home-and-away season Collingwood were on top of the ladder, while the Blues were a half a game behind in second position. In the first week of the finals Carlton defeated Melbourne while the following Saturday Collingwood were comprehensively beaten by Fitzroy. Carlton and Fitzroy then met in the (preliminary) final with Carlton winning a close encounter by 16 points. As minor premiers Collingwood had the right to challenge Carlton to a grand final and the deciding match of the season took place on Saturday, September 18, before a crowd of 39,343.

Kicking with a slight breeze in the first quarter Carlton had most of the play but they didn't convert many of their opportunities and Collingwood's three straight goals had them a one point up at quarter time. The Blues continued to control the play in the second quarter and by adding four goals one to the Magpies' one goal two, they moved to a 16-point lead at the main break. For most of the third term it appeared that Carlton were going to maintain their advantage but the Magpies began to get back in the game late in the quarter and a goal to Les Hughes, followed by a number of near misses, brought them to within a goal at three-quarter time. Collingwood continued to attack early in the final quarter and a fine piece of play, involving George Anderson, Tom Clancy and Harry Curtis, ended with full forward Dick Lee, who kicked the Magpies' sixth goal and put them in front by a point. Carlton supporters were beginning to worry that the game was slipping out of their side's hands but, with Collingwood's Clancy temporarily off the ground after suffering a badly cut lip, a goal to Herb Burleigh had Blues' fans cheering again. This seemed to turn the tide in Carlton's favour and goals to Vin Gardiner, Charlie Hammond and two more to Burleigh soon followed. At the final siren the Blues were 33 points to the good - the final scores being Carlton 11.12 (78) to Collingwood 6.9 (45).



DID YOU KNOW?

Both Carlton and Collingwood were foundation members of the Victorian Football League in 1897. The teams first met at Princes Park in Round 7 that season when Collingwood won narrowly 6.5 (41) to 5.5 (35). In Round 14, the final round of home and away matches for the season, the clubs played the return match at Victoria Park with Collingwood again victorious 7.12 (54) to Carlton 3.4 (22).

OVER TO YOU

1. In which year did Collingwood centreman Marcus Whelan win the Brownlow Medal?
2. How many goals did Ted Hopkins kick in the Blues' amazing comeback in the 1970 grand final?
3. Who replaced "Big Nick", John Nicholls, as Carlton's captain when his 331 game career came to an end in 1974?
4. Who was the leading goalkicker for Collingwood in 1961?

This Round in History – Round 20 on the MCG

The highest Round 20 score at the MCG is 32.24 (216) by Hawthorn against Essendon 8.8 (56) in 1992. This is the overall record Round 20 score. The most goals by an individual at the MCG in Round 20 is 12. This record is shared by two players. Gary Ablett kicked a dozen for Geelong against Richmond in 1990. The Cats scored 24.14 (158) and won by 64 points. Jason Dunstall also kicked 12 goals for Hawthorn against Essendon in 1992. The overall Round 20 record is 13 shared by Doug Wade for Geelong against North Melbourne at Kardinia Park in 1971 when Geelong kicked 24.7 (151) and won by 75 points, and Peter Daicos for Collingwood against Brisbane at Carrara in 1991. Collingwood kicked 26.16 (172) and won by 101 points. The highest score in a quarter is 10.3 (63) by Melbourne in the third quarter against North Melbourne in 1991. Melbourne finished with 20.20 (140) to win by 52 points. The overall Round 20 record is 11.6 (72) by Collingwood in the third quarter against Essendon at Victoria Park in 1970. Collingwood kicked 24.16 (160) to win by 81 points. The highest Round 20 attendance at the MCG was recorded at a night game on Friday August 5, 1994 when 75,565 saw Collingwood defeat Essendon by 28 points.

Statistics for Collingwood v Carlton

Collingwood v Carlton by venue

	Won by Collingwood	Won by Carlton	Drawn
Brunswick St.	1	1	0
Gabba	1	0	0
MCG	39	38	0
Princes Park	27	50	2
Victoria Park	53	30	2
Waverley Park	10	9	0
	131	128	4

Highest Score

Collingwood	24.16 (160)	Rd 3	2000	MCG
Carlton	28.12 (180)	Rd 18	2000	PP

Lowest Score

Collingwood	0.9 (9)	Rd 6	1900	PP
Carlton	0.6 (6)	Rd 5	1898	VP

Greatest Winning Margin

Collingwood	108 points	Rd 18	2002	MCG
Carlton	111 points	Rd 18	2000	PP

Last Time They Met – Round 10, 2023, MCG

	Carlton	Collingwood
Quarter time	1.2	5.2
Half time	4.6	10.5
Three-quarter time	5.10	11.6
Full time	7.15 (57)	13.7 (85)

Most Goals in a Match (10 goals or more)

11	H. Vallenge	Carl	SF 1	1931	MCG
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11	R. Todd	Coll	Rd 5	1938	VP

NEWSPAPER COMMENT ON THE 1915 GRAND FINAL

In the *Argus* on Monday, September 20, "Observer" made the following comments about the previous Saturday's grand final:

After a fast and furious game, in which the fortunes of play varied long enough to work nearly 40,000 people up to the highest pitch of excitement, Carlton won the League premiership against Collingwood on the Melbourne Cricket ground on Saturday. The scores make it look like an easy victory, but that was not the case. Well into the last quarter there was only one point separating the combatants, and Collingwood, who had looked a beaten side for the greater part of the game, made such a wonderful rally that for a time Carlton seemed to be demoralised. It was just a question of which could last longest, and the survivor was Carlton. Once they had got a goal or so in their favour at that critical stage of the match, it was simply a question of getting almost as many goals as they wished, because the other side had shot its bolt. While not always skilful, it was one of the fastest and fiercest games seen for many years, and, though no mercy was shown by either side, the play was, on the whole, fair.

OVER TO YOU ANSWERS: Q1 1939. Q2 Four. Q3 Robert Walls. Q4 Kevin Pay.

FACT SHEETS ON THE MCC WEBSITE

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